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COMMENT OF
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Let's Hope It's
Not True

If the reports now circulating in London that Mr Lennox-Boyd is to be elevated to the peerage, with the inference he will have to surrender his portfolio prove to be true, there will be no rejoicing in Hongkong. The Secretary of State for the Colonies made more than a favourable impression during his visit here this year; the conviction gained was that at long last Hongkong had won for itself in the higher levels of the imperial government a staunch and sympathetic friend.

Wrestling as we are today with unusual domestic problems and confronted also with the task of trying to correct erroneous conceptions about our industrial expansion with its competitive effects on the British textile market, we cannot afford to lose the wise and friendly counsel of Mr Lennox-Boyd either in the Cabinet or the House of Commons.

Although the London report about Mr Lennox-Boyd comes from a reliable source, we cannot but help treat it with some scepticism. The suggestion that the Secretary of State should be removed from office and sent to bolster the government in the House of Lords does not logically tie up with recent events.

According to Mr Lennox-Boyd, it was Sir Anthony Eden himself who conceived the idea of the Colonial Secretary making an extensive tour of the colonies to obtain first-hand information of how they are run and what are their special problems. Surely the Prime Minister would not have made such a suggestion if at the same time he was contemplating relieving the minister of his post for the doubtful distinction of strengthening the Conservative Party in the House of Lords?

Surely, also, the Tories are not so deficient of able men that they have to pull one of their most efficient ministers out of his office to succeed Lord Woolton in the Upper House? To Hongkong, which has now had the opportunity of seeing and studying the Secretary of State for the Colonies at close quarters, the proposition sounds fantastic. This is one report we sincerely trust will turn out to be unfounded.

Alcoholism In France Increases

Paris, Sept. 26. More Frenchmen than ever before are drinking themselves to death, the National Statistical Institute disclosed today.

According to their figures, 4,106 people died from acute alcoholism last year compared to 3,905 in 1953. The 1953 figure was the highest registered in France.—China Mail Special.

IKE'S ILLNESS CAUSES DOUBTS & FEARS World Deprived Of His Leadership

NIXON'S RESPONSIBILITIES

New York, Sept. 26. National leaders in Washington and the top statesmen of the Western powers in New York today endeavoured to adjust themselves to a world deprived of the leadership, immense popularity and political power wielded personally by President Eisenhower.

Quite apart from the prospect of the President's physical incapacitation for several months, the overriding subject for speculation was the consequences of the President's now almost certain retirement from office at the end of his present term in January, 1957.

On Wall Street a major setback in stock exchange values reminded the nation that the current wave of prosperity was based largely upon business confidence that the conservative policies of President Eisenhower would continue through a second presidential term to 1960.

Politically the possibility of the President's retirement, at the end of his term showed signs of precipitating an early, and potentially bitter, struggle for power within the Republican Party and between Republicans and Democrats in next year's Congress.

Internationally, the foreign ministers of the Western powers gathered here for important and urgent consultations overshadowed by uncertainty regarding the future leadership of the senior partner in the alliance.

ASSUMES NEW IMPORTANCE



MR RICHARD NIXON

Meeting tomorrow to plan crucial talks next month with the Soviet Foreign Minister, the Western diplomats will not know to take full advantage of the confidence reposed in the person of President Eisenhower not only by the people of the Western world, but by the leaders of the Soviet Union.

They were confronted by the task of implementing the policies initiated by President Eisenhower at last year's Big Four conference without the personal guidance and political support of the principal creator of the "spirit of Geneva".

Key Figure

In these circumstances the Vice-President, Mr. Richard Nixon inevitably is the key figure on the domestic and foreign scene.

For the period of the President's illness and convalescence he will preside over meetings of the nation's top planning agencies, the Cabinet and the National Security Council. In the event of the President's complete incapacity, he will

ASSASSINATION

Fes, Morocco, Sept. 26. Si Meidhi, brother of the Pasteur (Deputy) of the Pasteur of Fes, was killed today when an unidentified man fired at his car, in which he was riding with his brother.

The Khalifa's bodyguard was wounded in the chest, but the Khalifa himself, Si Tadeb Baghdadi, was unharmed. The gunman got away.—Reuters.

SPAIN APPLIES FOR UN MEMBERSHIP

New York, Sept. 26. Spain today applied for membership in the United Nations. The application—the first ever submitted by Spain—was handed to Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, the Secretary-General, by Senator Jose S. Estor, Spain's permanent observer of the world organization's headquarters.

New Governor



FIELD-MARSHAL SIR JOHN HARDING

Britain "Goes To War" Accusation

THE HARDING APPOINTMENT RESENTED BY GREECE

United Nations, Sept. 26. The Greek Foreign Minister, Stephanos Stephanopoulos, charged today that Britain had "gone to war" against the people of Cyprus with the appointment of Field Marshal Sir John Harding as Governor of the colony.

The appointment of Field Marshal Harding, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, as commander-in-chief of the British forces on Cyprus and as Governor was announced on Sunday.

Commenting on the General Assembly decision last week not to debate the Cyprus issue this year, Mr Stephanopoulos said that Britain, having removed the obstacle of the United Nations, has gone to war against the people of Cyprus.

HIS MISSION

The Foreign Minister made those remarks in his opening statement to the Assembly.

He said that Field Marshal Harding had been appointed "with the mission to carry on a campaign of extermination against the people who are called by the British government terrorists and anti-British." He recalled that Britain and other powers had called for quiet diplomacy to settle the dispute over Cyprus.

"I ask those who preached in this tribune the virtue of quiet diplomacy if they think that this British action (Harding's appointment) is the quiet diplomacy being talked about here," he said. "Our concern is grave. It is justified."

NOT PRAYER BOOK

The Greek Minister said the UN Charter "was not just a prayer book for use by hypocritical persons."

"We don't come here for sermons," he added. "We come here for politics. The Charter is a contract that is valid only to the extent to which it is respected."

Greece seeks political self-determination for the people of Cyprus. Britain, which rules Cyprus and Turkey, which is interested because of the large number of Cypriots of Turkish descent, successfully opposed bringing the problem into the UN this year.—United Press.

STRIKE CALLED

Nicola, Sept. 26. All organisations of Cypriots of Greek origin, both left wing and right, tonight called a general strike for Thursday to protest against the United Nations decision not to discuss the Cyprus question.

The strike committee said tonight the strike would start at 6 a.m. local time on Thursday and would last 24 hours.—France-Presse.

MR STEPHANOPOULAS.

Marilyn For Moscow

Moscow, Sept. 26. Movie Star Marilyn Monroe may take her world-famous figure to Moscow next spring on a cultural exchange trip.

A provisional agreement was reached in Moscow today on exchange of artists between the United States and the Soviet Union by Carlton Smith, Director of the National Arts Foundation in New York and M. Mikhailov, Soviet Minister for Culture. The exchanges are to begin in spring next year and 50 Americans will form the first batch to go to study the Soviet theatre and she may well be selected to go with the first group. It was learned here.

Smith hopes to arrange mass exchanges between the two countries. He is also trying to prepare concert tours in the Soviet Union for coloured singer Marian Anderson and pianist Vladimir Horowitz. The financial aspect of this musical enterprise has up till now blocked a final agreement.—France-Presse.

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MEMBERSHIP

New York, Sept. 26. In 1946, the United Nations passed a resolution condemning the Spanish regime of Generalissimo Franco and deciding that, as far as the regime remained, Spain must not be admitted to the United Nations.

In December of that year, the American delegation to the United Nations, then headed by Mr. Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.,

London, Sept. 27. Sir Robert Arncliffe, who is being replaced by Field Marshal Sir John Harding as Governor of Cyprus, is to become Governor of Northern Rhodesia. Sir Arncliffe, 61, was born in 1892 and has been serving as Governor of Northern Rhodesia since 1952. Sir Arncliffe will succeed Sir

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Three singers of the Stuttgart Opera Company, in England on a goodwill exchange to give four operas at London's Royal Festival Hall, are shown following their arrival at London Airport. (Left to right) are: Trudi Hildebrandt, Franki Wachmann and Elinor Giesen. — London Express Photo.

BRITISH DOCTORS SCORE MAJOR SURGICAL TRIUMPH

Atlantic City, Sept. 26. Development of a low blood pressure anesthesia which allows surgeons to operate in a comparatively bloodless field was reported today by Sir Archibald McIndoe, prominent British plastic surgeon, before the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery here.

Sir Archibald, plastic surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, described four years of experimenting with the new method in 1,500 operations performed at the Queen Victoria Hospital.

Describing the method as "a major surgical advance," Sir Archibald said low blood pressure anesthesia reduced the systolic blood pressure during surgery and was found suitable in two of every five cases requiring general anesthesia.

SEEING CLEARLY

"Practically all major operations of the head and neck are conducted under this technique," he said. It was also particularly applicable to surgery of the chest wall and hands, he said.

Because hypotensive anesthesia gives the surgeon a bloodless field he can see clearly into difficult inaccessible regions and perform his operation more exactly and quickly.

Sir Archibald said that in certain areas the scope and extent of surgery can be widened and some operations which formerly required several stages because of extensive blood loss can now be combined into "one massive manoeuvre."

The commentator said, "With the commentator said, would share in the benefits as well as Russia."

"It would be something like discovering new continents with a mild European climate and with wonderful natural resources," said the broadcast.

It was a talk on possible development of atoms-for-peace by a member of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Science's Institute of Energetics.

"Engineers with imagination are now thinking of a new project: to lock the gateway between the Arctic and Pacific Oceans, with a mammoth dam across the Bering Strait," the broadcast said.

"Imagine that an array of hundreds of giant pumps, powered by an electric station of 2,000,000 kilowatts capacity, would produce an artificial warm current approximately equal to that of the Gulf Stream," United Press.

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PERON'S VAST TREASURE

Artificial Satellite
LET'S POOL RESOURCES SAYS SOVIET SCIENTIST

London, Sept. 26.
Professor Leonid Sedov, a leading Russian scientist, has called for international co-operation to launch an artificial earth satellite, Moscow Radio said today.

"The efforts of scientists and technicians from various countries could be pooled to launch artificial satellites of the earth," he said in an interview with the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, Pravda, quoted by Moscow Radio.

"The effort involved in constructing guided missiles for war could be switched to the peaceful and noble purpose of cosmic flights," he added.

Professor Sedov led the Russian delegation to the recent international conference on inter-planetary travel in Copenhagen at which he said Russia would launch satellites "probably within two years."

The United States, prior to the conference, said it would launch satellites by 1957. — China Mail Special.

Association For UN In Red China

Peking, Sept. 26.
An association for the United Nations will be set up in Communist China shortly, officials at the Federation of Associations for the United Nations said at a press conference held here today.

The officials, E. Judd, President, and P. Reynolds, Secretary-General, were received by Premier Chou En-lai at a two-hour interview held yesterday.

During the meeting, Mr Chou reiterated his belief that all problems can be settled peacefully, the officials said. — France-Press.

Fabulous Riches Uncovered At His Residence

'Arabian Nights'

Buenos Aires, Sept. 26.

Officers of the insurgent army have launched an investigation of ex-President Peron's personal wealth and possessions and thus far have turned up "fabulous riches" in the presidential residence and in Government House.

"It's like something out of the Arabian Nights," one Lieut-Colonel said after making a preliminary survey of Peron's residence in suburban Palermo.

collecting keys to strong boxes, personal archives and secret files of the ex-President.

All safes and files and deposits in government and Peron's residences are under heavy guard. Officers who were inside the Palermo residence have come out aghast.

"There is an ivory elephant in there that must be worth a million pesos," one officer said.

Gold medallions, silver serving sets, Oriental rugs and other similar objects plus the yet unknown contents of the safes and archives will all be recorded in an inventory, the officers said. — United Press.

A special commission is being set up to handle the inquiry.

Lt-Col Salvador Guerara, reporting directly to Vice-President Isaac Rojas, will conduct an investigation into the activities of the Peronists.

Before the formal inventory begins revolutionary officers are

And what about La Prensa?

New York, Sept. 26.

Dr Alberto Galvez Paz, owner of the confiscated Argentine newspaper La Prensa, said today that he believed the newspaper must be returned to him through the courts rather than by executive action.

Arms To Egypt

Washington, Sept. 26.
The United States government has agreed "in principle" to sell arms to Egypt, State Department spokesman said today.

The spokesman pointed out that since an agreement had been reached as regards the finance of this sale of arms no final transaction had taken place. — France-Press.

"I have always had this attitude," said Dr Galvez, "where 'all legality' is violated as it was by Peron, so it must be restored through its normal resorts or mechanisms, through the Courts."

He said he did not know whether the Peronist labour organiser, Hugo di Pietro, correctly quoted Provost, President Eduardo Lonardi regarding his intentions toward La Prensa. But the publisher said he believed General Lonardi was "justified" in refusing to take executive action to restore the newspaper.

Mr Molotov said in his speech to the Assembly on Friday that the Soviet Union favoured the admission of "the 18" countries which had applied. But in fact 21 have put forward their candidatures, and when correspondents questioned Mr Molotov he said he excluded Japan.

Today Mr Martin said: "According to the figures compiled by my delegation if we exclude the divided applicants there remains 17 candidates. We trust that Mr Molotov will look into this question again and find it possible to make this essential correction."

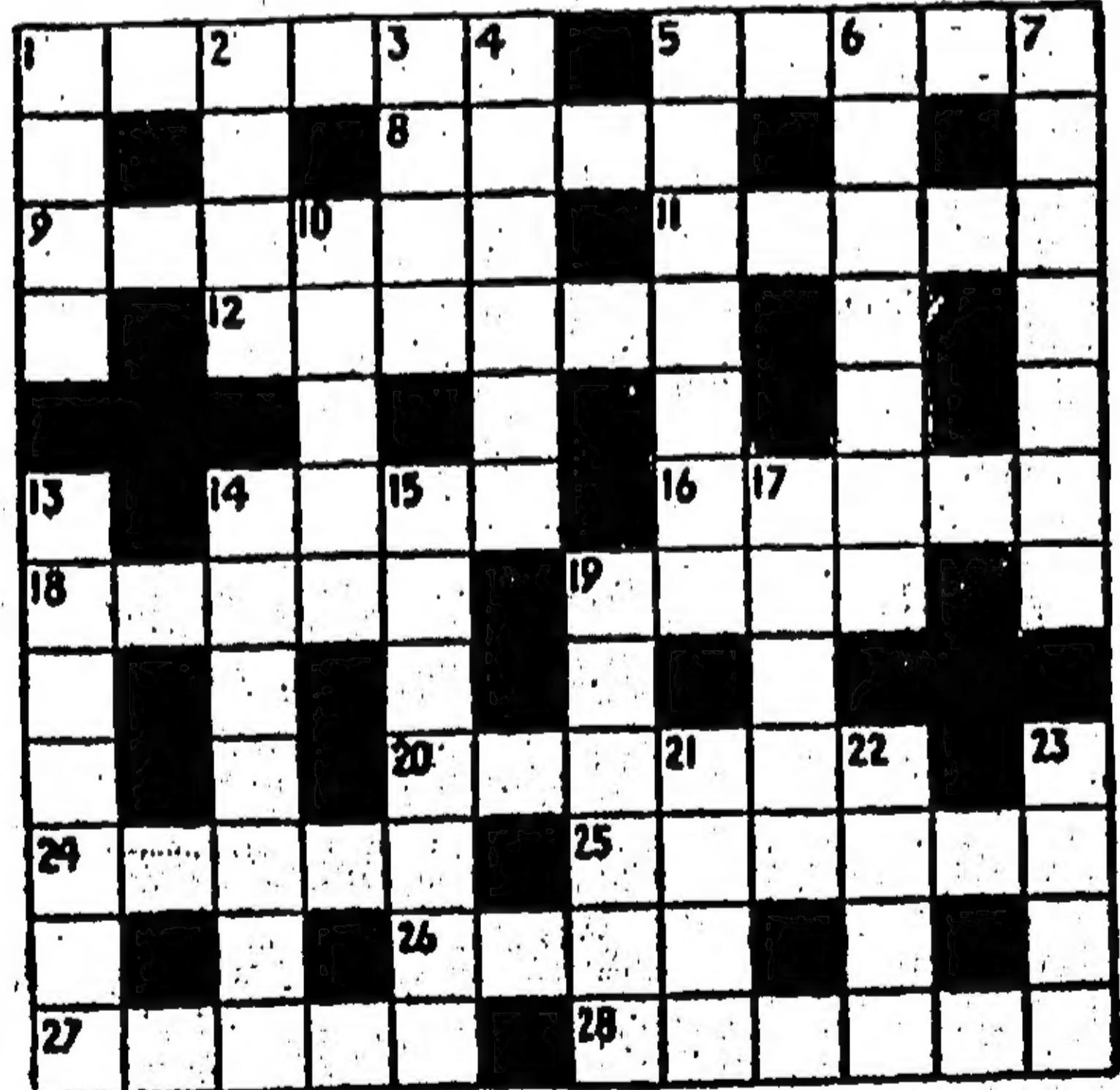
POLITICAL REALITY

Mr Martin also said: "The basic political reality which we cannot ignore is that if this organisation is not truly representative of the great majority of the countries of the world it will be unable to make its full contribution to settling the problems of the world."

Japan applied for United Nations membership in 1953 and has Western backing. Hitherto the Soviet Union has blocked her admission with that of a number of other Western-supported countries.

But it was recently reported that the Russians had withdrawn their objection, changing their position to one of "neutrality." — France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Extend (6)
- Scrutinises (8)
- Prison room (4)
- Leave (6)
- Re-arrange (6)
- Grime (4)
- Unpleasant (6)
- Banish (5)
- Incites (4)
- Dingers (6)
- Sharp (6)
- Experts (6)
- Anger (4)
- Gets up (5)
- Morbid (6)
- Oynad, 10; Tiger, 12; Alding, 14; Deserve, 17; Terp, 19; Edible, 20; Leisure, 22; Lent, 23; Statue, 27; Endless, 28; Month, 29; Dunces, 31; Sudden, 33; Drunken, 35; Dewar, 1; Crown, 3; Ample, 5; Senses, 6; Anti, 8; Lumber, 7; Hurry, 9; Duties, 11; Insert, 12; Delisted, 13; Eyes, 16; Duster, 18; Bill, 20; Laundry, 21; Invited, 22; Annoys, 23; Uncle, 25; Envoy, 26; Dismay, 27.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Clash, 4. Safety, 5. Scrutinises (8), 6. Prison room (4), 7. Leave (6), 11. Re-arrange (6), 12. Grime (4), 13. Unpleasant (6), 14. Banish (5), 15. Incites (4), 16. Dingers (6), 17. Sharp (6), 18. Experts (6), 19. Anger (4), 20. Gets up (5), 21. Morbid (6). Down: 1. Plank (4), 2. Team (4), 3. Land measure (4), 4. Loathe (6), 5. Killing (7), 6. Stage player (7), 7. Looks over (7), 8. Month (8), 9. Hopelessness (7), 10. Debate (7), 11. Harvesters (7), 12. Active (6), 13. Injurists (6), 14. Notion (4), 15. Boats (4), 16. Accustomed (4).

Expert's Evidence

Two Soldiers Accused Of Slaying An African Boy

Nairobi, Sept. 26.
Mr L. C. Nickolls, a Scotland Yard ballistics expert specially called from England, gave evidence today in the trial here of two British soldiers accused of murdering an African herdboy.

The trial was adjourned from Friday, to enable Mr Nickolls, Director of the London Metropolitan Police Laboratory, to be present.

Sergeant Alfred Pimblett, 34, of Portsmouth, and Rifleman Ronald Swain, 21, of Greenwich, London, both of the First Battalion the Rifle Brigade, have denied murdering the herdboy Solia Aman Totor, in an anti-Mau Mau operation near Mount Kenya in May.

Mr Nickolls told the Supreme Court today that four out of six cartridge cases found at the scene of the shooting came from Swain's rifle and two from Pimblett's.

Three projectiles found at the scene were from Swain's rifle and appeared to have been fired with it pointed at the ground.

Replying to his defence counsel, Mr John Harris, Swain said he had told army investigators in May that he believed he had only fired one shot. "Since then I know it fired more than one round," he said.

HE SAID SO

Asked why he believed this now, Swain replied: "Because ballistics expert said so."

Swain told the court that after he had fired, Pimblett fired several shots at Solia "as he was falling."

Swain admitted making a statement to army investigators saying he overheard Pimblett suggest shooting Solia. He told the court: "I was fed up with investigations. That was what the SIS [Special Investigation Branch] wanted me to say and I told them."

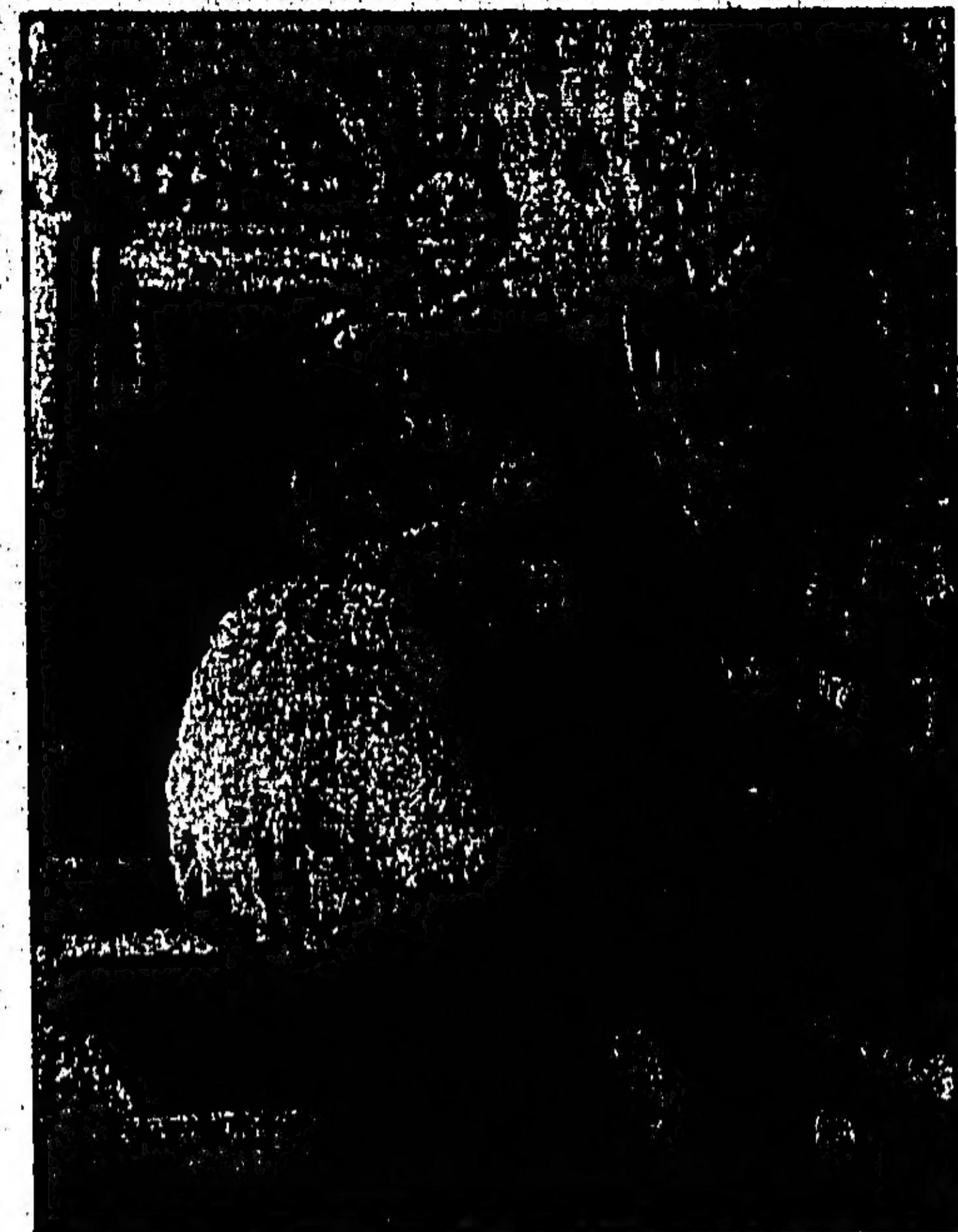
Swain said that when he and Corporal George Davis, were escorting Solia to a camp, Davis told Pimblett that Solia had "tried to escape."

Pimblett had asked why Davis had not shot him, and told him he would have done so, Swain said.

Davis has denied saying that Solia tried to escape.

Swain alleged that two army investigators had made threats as they questioned him. Both investigators in evidence have denied making threats. — China Mail Special.

Netherlands Royal Couple



Eden May Fly To See Queen On Saturday

(CABINET SHAKE-UP EXPECTED SOON)

London, Sept. 26.
Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, may fly to Scotland on Saturday with Lady Eden to spend the weekend as guests of Queen Elizabeth at Balmoral castle.

Definite plans have still to be made, but the Prime Minister is anxious to pay a visit to the Queen which had to be postponed ten days ago because of his attack of influenza.

It is long-established custom, if the Queen's right, if she so desires, to discuss with the Prime Minister at any time during the Sovereign's annual summer holiday there, and such visits have no political significance.

But political sources say Sir Anthony Eden would tell the Queen his plans for an early government reconstruction.

This shuffle of offices will not involve many key Cabinet posts. But it is necessary to fill impending vacancies, including the expected retirement soon of Lord Woolton, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, who is over 70. Sir Walter Monckton, 63, Minister of Labour is also said to wish to be relieved of office at an early date.

Even two changes in the ministry's higher ranks would involve a considerable amount of switching at lower levels.

PREMIER'S TOUR

The Prime Minister is to-morrow continuing a tour of important British establishments which was cut short by his indisposition.

He is due to motor to Britain's atomic research establishment at Harwell, Berkshire, where Sir John Cockcroft, the director, will show him round the plant.

It was learned tonight Sir Anthony Eden has instructed that all bulletins about President Eisenhower's health are to be transmitted to him as soon as they arrive.

Kashmir No Concern Of SEATO

Karachi, Sept. 26.
Defence officials said their defence problems with India are "outside the scope of the Southeast Asia military conference" which opened here today.

Officials emphasised the present meeting is devoted primarily to the member countries' defence services' training programmes, and the possibility of joint manoeuvres among member states.

Informed sources said that any attempt to inject Pakistan's border relations with India into any phase of SEATO defence planning would be strongly resisted by the United States, which is anxious to avoid any situation dragging it into the complex Indo-Pakistani dispute over Kashmir.

JOINT RESISTANCE

PAKISTAN

Pakistan sought approval at the founding meeting of SEATO in Manila, of a provision which would commit member states to joint resistance in case of attack "from any quarter."

The other members quickly recognised such a provision might involve them in the Kashmir dispute. The United States stipulated that the objectives of SEATO were solely prevention of Communist expansion.

The United States has frequently reassured Indian officials that US military aid to Pakistan was given "under assurances it would be used only to defend its borders in the wider context of preventing the spread of communism into vast areas of the Middle East and Southeast Asia." — United Press.

GERMAN COLOURS

Berlin, Sept. 26.
East Germany will have a hammer and compass framed in the ears of wheat as its new coat-of-arms. It was announced.

The East German flag will be in black, red and gold in horizontal bands with black uppermost.

The exact specifications of the flag to be flown by East German ships will be settled later by the government. — France-Press.

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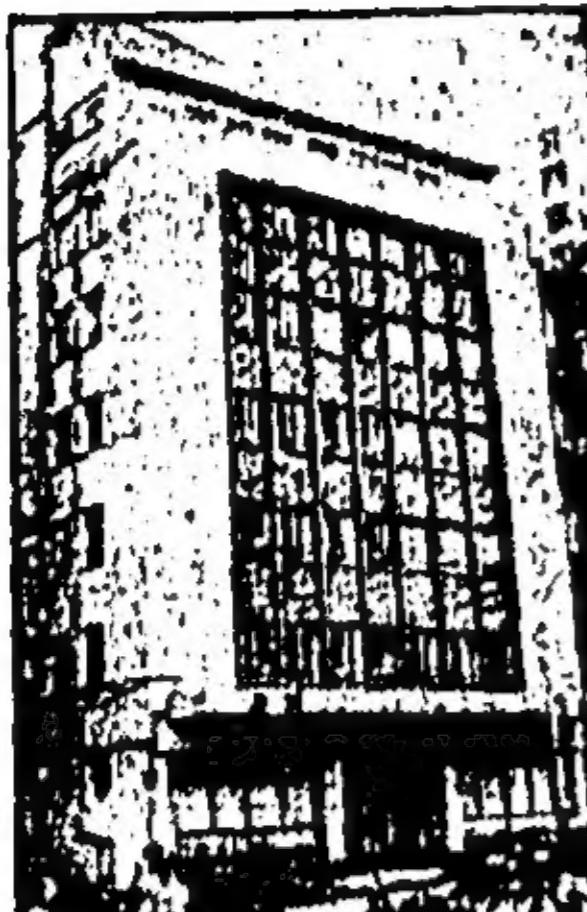
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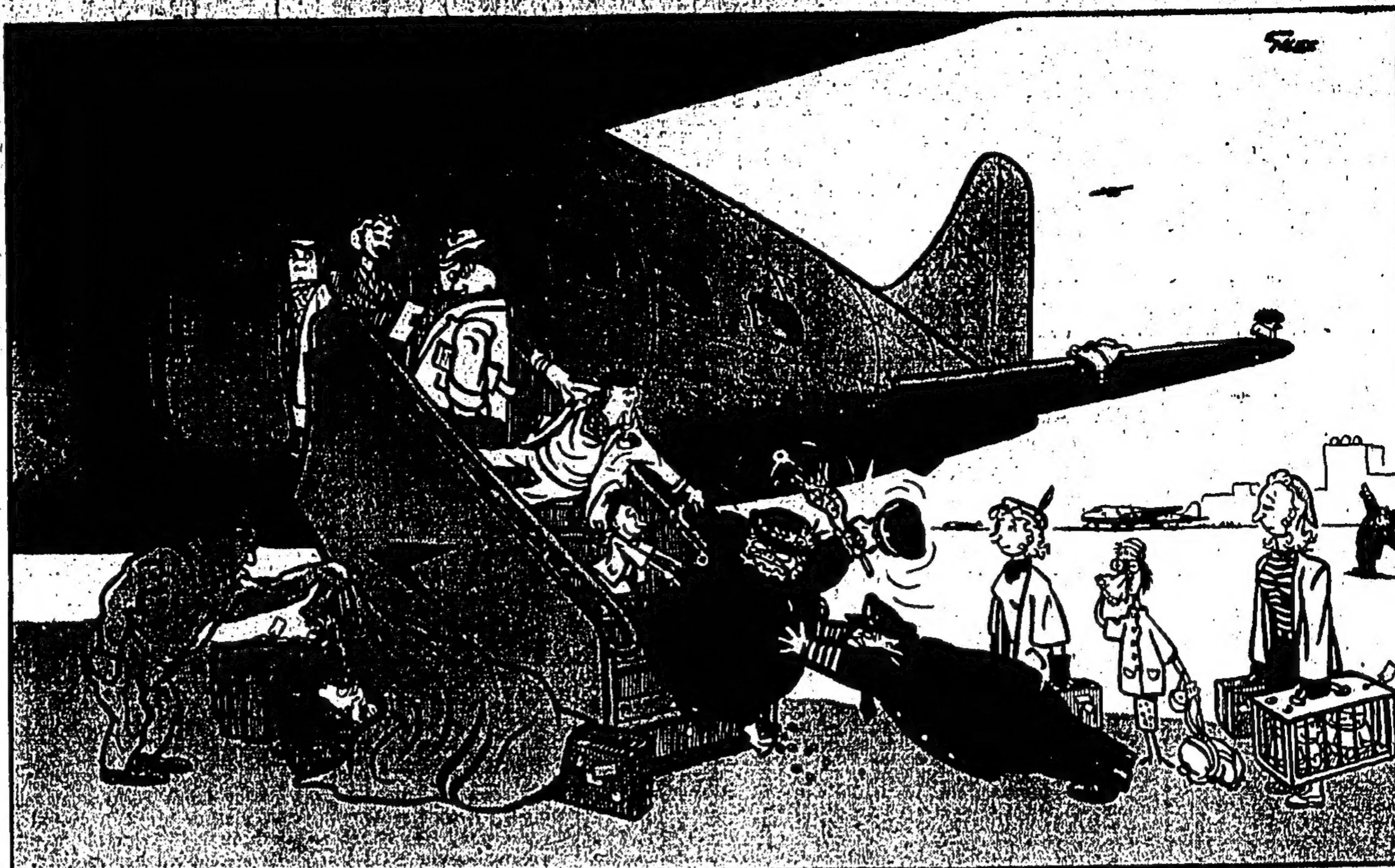
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GILES, just out of hospital, goes by air for a short holiday



A RAF LEADER CRITICISES THE NAVY AND ARMY

SIR PHILIP HAS ALL THE ANSWERS (well, almost)

By Arthur Brenard

WHAT was the star turn at the Barnborough Air Show last week? For me it was, not the aircraft but a most remarkable book" by Sir Philip Joubert, one of the wartime RAF commanders.

It is a generous book. Generous to individuals, though highly critical of the Ministry of Supply and the Army and the Navy.

It is not an egotistical book. Sir Philip does not claim for himself achievements to which he is not entitled.

He slams the Ministry of Supply for the present weakness in planes of the RAF. And he is right.

"The Admiralty," he says, "are trying to control RAF's Coastal Command." And he is right.

He accuses the Army of draining the R.A.F.'s resources. And he is right.

These views are shared by most people in aviation—outside the Ministry of Supply, the admirals and the generals.

The riddle

OF Lord Dowding, the man who led Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain, Sir Philip says:—

"Dowding was, in appearance, a very quiet and reserved man, lacking in a sense of humour. In fact, out of office hours he could be an extremely entertaining companion, having a fund of good stories and a quick wit with which to tell them."

"This sense of humour did not, as a rule, extend into his work, and he could be extremely exacting and tiresome to his subordinates."

"He had, however, a great sense of justice which earned him the respect of all who worked with him. In technical matters he was very sound, but was inclined to spend too much time on details and less than sufficient on principles. In operations he was far-seeing and very wise."

"His refusal to waste the resource of Fighter Command in an endeavour to bolster up the French Army in the summer of 1940 was one of the vitally correct decisions of the Second World War."

"Students of history," says Sir Philip, "may well wonder why Lord Dowding, the architect of triumph (in the Battle of Britain), was relieved of his post a few weeks after the German Air Force had given the RAF best to the day battle."

"That will be £3 15s," said the shop assistant. Casually the young man produced his wallet and paid over the money.

"Not at all exceptional," said the manager, when I talked to him later. "The young men and women of about that age often have lots of money in their pockets—and are not now spending it."

"We benefit excellently in our line of business from these young customers, but we aren't the only ones. They spend their money lavishly in all sorts of ways. They believe in having a good time."

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"We must do more. The little people are being hurt. It is terrible. This problem must be solved."

And it would be 3 a.m. before he left the airfield to snatched a few hours' sleep before taking over the direction of the next day's battle.

It is strange, too, after Sir Philip's accurate appraisal of Lord Dowding, that he should criticise one of the best-loved RAF commanders of the war—Air Marshal Sir Keith Park.

"Keith Park," he says, "was a good pilot and an intelligent man, but highly strung. He also suffered from a very sensitive 'ego' which did not help him in his relations with other people. As a result, he came into serious conflict with another senior Air Force officer, Air Vice Marshal Trafford Leigh-Mallory, who commanded No. 12 Group Fighter Command that covered the East Coast from the Thames to the Humber."

"Leigh-Mallory had a brilliant brain and his character was determined and calm. He could run rings round Park intellectually."

"Briefly," Leigh-Mallory says, "Park was not ready to commit his meagre forces until he was sure of the direction and strength of the enemy attack, as reported by the Observer Corps. Park was not a great commander but at least he was a successful one."

Nobody can say he was wrong. Because he was right.

A good account of what actually happened is to be found in "British War Production" by Professor M. M. Postan.

Wrong? No

I SAY that Sir Philip is guilty of faulty reasoning here. The real reason why Park did not put all his aircraft in the air at once was that his bases were under fire from the enemy, and he simply could not risk being caught with his entire forces on the ground during refuelling and rearming. It was as simple as that.

Leigh-Mallory with his group beyond the Wash faced no such problem.

Of Lord Beaverbrook, Sir Philip says: "A rather unusual Canadian newspaperman had been appointed to run the production side of the RAF."

"The Air Council was not particularly happy about this appointment, because the action promoted by this newspaper proprietor cut rather sharply

across its plans, conceived in peace time, and well matured. In fact, Lord Beaverbrook, to put it bluntly, played hell with the war policy of the RAF. But he most certainly produced the aircraft that won the Battle of Britain.

"What he did in the summer of 1940 set back the winning of the war over Germany by many months. The bomber production programme was disrupted to allow of high-speed production of fighters. And who can say that he was wrong?"

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For with the Battle of France lost and with the German invasion of Britain drawing near, the Minister of Aircraft Production was justified in thinking—as he did—that the war was going to be decided in what was there and then, and that nothing but immediate reinforcement of the RAF could save the country. But the salvation had to be paid for, and a disturbance of production was part of the price.

"The disturbance, however, was only a passing one, and could not be blamed, as it sometimes was, for failures of production in later years."

Indeed in 1940 the supply of bombers was in excess of crews to fly them.

Figures prove the point. On November 8, 1940, for instance, there were 628 bomber aeroplanes for operations—but only 400 crews.

Thanks to television, Britain has turned the tables on the U.S.

They Will All See British

By Kay Murray

New York

ONE of the factors in U.S. film distribution which causes the British industry to grow its hair in inarticulate fury is that British imports are usually consigned to what are known as "art houses."

Art houses are usually cinemas away from the brightly-lit Broadway circuit which draws the bulk of New York's films going public, though this doesn't prevent them charging up to ten shillings a head per performance.

Despite glowing notices from critics this is usually the fate of any British film, however outstanding, and so far no protests have done any good.

Now, however, the British have turned the tables via another medium.

Although television networks have been begging for first-run releases of films—British, American or from anywhere else—until recently movie magnates have refused to prejudge their box office take by allowing first-run films to be seen via television. As a result viewers have been treated to five, six or even ten year old films, frequently British.

FRIEND TOO

But in the past few months Hollywood has discovered that television can be friend as well as foe. Viewers have been cautiously treated to a scene or two of a forthcoming movie on the very sound premise that if they like it enough they will sit and see the film in its entirety when it reaches Broadway.

Britain has gone one better. She has caused consternation among American film distributors by silencing—for a stiff consideration—Americans to see forthcoming top-flight British movies via their television sets.

As a case in point, the National Broadcasting Company has paid somewhere in the region of three quarters of a million dollars (about £250,000) to present TV previews of two British-made films, "The Constant Husband" starring Rex Harrison and Sir Laurence Olivier's "Richard III".

After seeing the former, a prominent New York movie distributor said: "It's fine picture, but it's the kind of British film that we've been trying to sell for years and frankly with limited success."

"Here the theatres have been saying that the broad public won't take this type of fare," he continued in injured tones.

"Now NBC comes along and right away it becomes a spectacular to be seen by millions. It's a little ironic."

CASHING IT

Another distributor complained: "Had 'The Constant Husband' been offered first to the theatres, exhibitors would have complained about the production of dialogue."

The fact remains that although British films (with certain signal exceptions, such as the colossally successful "Red Shoes," "Tales of Hoffmann" and Olivier's "Hamlet") and "Henry V" have played in art houses, it is usually impossible to get a seat without standing in an exceptionally long line.

Now Britain has cashed in on the obvious demand of the American public for first-class British pictures and, with its astute deal with the television networks, is opening up a larger public than ever for its productions.

THE NEW RICH OF BRITAIN IN 1955

By RENE MacCOLL

WHO are the New Rich of Britain in 1955? Part of the answer came to me as I stood in a gramophone shop in Nottingham, idly sizing up the customers who crammed the place.

I say that the young people of about the 17-24 age group are wealthy to an extent undreamed of before. Even allowing for the deterioration in the value of the pound which has taken place since 1939, their happy fiscal status would have reduced their predecessors of 20 years ago to eye-popping envy.

TOO TEMPTING

And, to the flood of what might be called "juvenile pounds," comes pouring out to swell the general spending spree now on in England, and possibly to deepen another line on the face of Mr. Butler.

Well, good luck to them. You're only young once, and even if some of us oldsters may feel as plentiful in our own pre-war days, that is not to detract from the good fortune of the youth of today.

Unfortunately that is not the whole story. There is another side to matters, which entails frustration and discontent.

The young are clamouring for handbags. Not everyone is ready to work in a factory, of course, but if you are, then it is yours to take home.

"We benefit excellently in our line of business from these young customers, but we aren't the only ones. They spend their money lavishly in all sorts of ways. They believe in having a good time."

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methodically, but it is not in the nature of carefree, exuberant youth to heed. That motorcycle, that nifty new evening dress, is too tempting.

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This Funny World



"Improve my vocabulary for what I never get a chance to use the words I already know"

• BY • THE • WAY •
by Beachcomber

A POPULAR American pocket edition of "Goodbye, Mr Chips" bears the title "Goodbye, Mr French Fried." The translator may have seen the French edition, which is called "Adieu, M. Pommes Frites."

One of my favourite bits of translation is the line quoted by Mr James Bone, "Mademoiselle, Mademoiselle, Mademoiselle de Montrouge." And James Agate discovered a translation of an Elizabethan play in which "How now, ye horribile man, hast become 'Comment vous portez-vous, Mesmeurs Lea Horreurs?'

Conversation at Mougin's

"VITA, my tiger-billy," said Poulencourt, "you must shake the golden ring of wealth around my feet. Like the bee, I have known my way from yacht to yacht in search of honey. The hour has come to return to the people who want me to fly twice to New York and back in a day."

In passing

I like the old clubman's comment: "The main advantage I can see in flying to New York and back in one day is that you can do it more than a few minutes in New York. In the circumstances, it would, of course, be more sensible to go there, as all the fun depends on where you go again."

"And where have it all got you?" asked Vita Brevis. "It has got me from yacht to yacht, from the last person to bludgeon me for not settling down. All I am is an old Manor House and you?" "Old my man!" added Poulencourt. "I could not bear to see you poor, and if you have enough to enable us to live in the next type of tiled houses, electric dustbins, you are welcome to have them. You will be paid enough to return to your wife! I am no callow youth. Write or call: Buboso Development Syndicate."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

BORN today, you have the ability to look on the bright side of things most of the time. You are not too wedded to your ideas, and you are so used to having people agree with you that someone who takes a contrary stand is likely to offend you temporarily. However, you soon board back to your natural, happy self. Dramatic and with a real musical gift, it is very likely that you will appear on stage well, too.

You have a keen sense of humour and your wit, when implemented by the brush of the pen, is apt to be somewhat satiric as well. Your emotions are strong, and before your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

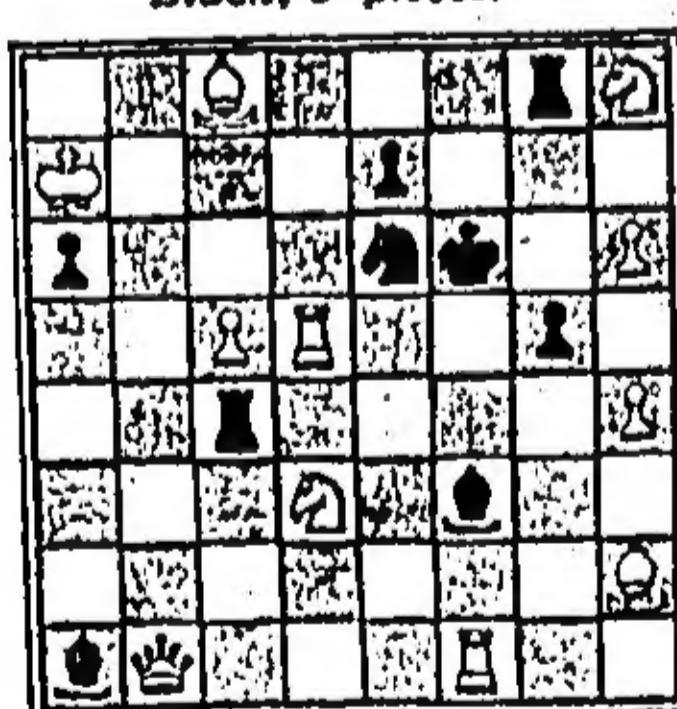
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 22)—Let others make the decisions and you stick to your normal routine. Make lists to very slowly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Procrastination is not for your right now. Finish up each job as it comes up for attention.

CHESS PROBLEM

By S. C. DUTT

Black, 9 pieces.



White, 11 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt-B6, anj; 2. Q, B, Kt, or P mates.

CROSS WORD

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- 4. This provides a hard link. (6)
- 5. Made off to for instance. (8)
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Some Bouts Last Night Failed To Live Up To Expectations

Says OUR BOXING REPORTER

I wish I could tell you that the new boxing season started with a big bang when the HKABA staged its opening show at the Southorn Play-ground last night in aid of the Missions to Seamen Gymnasium Fund.

The truth is however that, except in flashes this was nothing more than a very ordinary affair and some of the fights failed to live up to the importance of the occasion. Nevertheless the worthy cause for which the show was held will reap an acceptable dividend for a big crowd turned out, and it was indeed a distinguished audience that filled the ringside seats.

The programme did throw up one interesting new personality and the crowd got plenty to shout about when LAC "Tar Baby" Robinson stepped into the ring to do battle with AB Nash RN in a Light Heavyweight bout. Robinson is quite a character and once he has had a contest or two under his belt he is going to provide some fireworks around these parts.

He is still as crude as they come but he is so tough and determined that opponents will find him a hard nut to crack. He hammered away at Nash for three merciless rounds and in the end the gallant sailor must have welcomed the bell like heavenly music.

In the early stages of the programme the spectators got something to shout about when Chan Shu-sun met AB Cordwell of the Royal Australian Navy. They went at it hammer and tongs for three rounds and a narrow verdict went to the Chinese boy.

PAID THE PENALTY

Heavyweight Postle paid the inevitable penalty for leading with his chin and failing either to cover up or fight back when in trouble. His opponent, LAC O'Connell, is a most ungainly-looking fighter but he hits hard and often and the referee stopped the bout in the second round to save the soldier from unnecessary punishment.

There was plenty of inter-ship rivalry when AB Rawlings of HMS Modeste and AB Howes of HMS Comet met in a Welter-weight bout.

Howes started off like a hurricane but it didn't take long

for Rawlings to reduce him to the impotence of an evening breeze. Rawlings fought a brave fight from the start and the referee intervened in the second round to save an out-classed Howes from further punishment.

Henry Wong was back in action and to the enthusiastic but often misleading roars of his faithful followers he scored a clear cut points victory over AB Jennings of HMS Modeste.

Jennings was never really a match for Wong but Henry's lack of a finishing punch compelled him to go the whole way. Jennings went down several times and it looked as though he was saved by the bell at the end of the second round.

MIGHTY MORSELS

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Mention of Mr. Shepherd recalls an unusual incident during one of the early contests when a boxer, who had just received a series of hard blows, backed on to the ropes and covered up. Mr. Shepherd had the students of the game arguing

that he started a count and continued to '0' although the boxer had not gone down, neither had he fallen across the ropes.

It was certainly the first time I had seen a count started when a boxer was still on his feet and apparently ready to defend himself. It's a neat point for the experts to argue over when they get together.

The bouts were well handled by Referees Shepherd and Walker. Mrs. Hugh Barlow, wife of the Chairman of the Committee of the Missions to Seamen, presented the trophies to the boxers after each bout.

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SPORTS ROUND-UP

COMPTON IS CONFIDENT HE WILL BE PERFECTLY FIT FOR NEXT SEASON'S MATCHES

Denis Compton may have to have another operation on his left knee. Last week it was examined by two specialists. They have deferred their decision for the time being. This sounds ominous.

Compton, however, is optimistic. Even if he does have to have another operation he is confident he will be perfectly fit and available for next season's matches against Australia.

Reg Harris, four times World Professional Cycle Sprint Champion, will be out of action until the end of the year. The cause is the 1,000-i accident he had in Copenhagen last week just before he was to have gone to Milan to defend his world crown.

"It must have been fate," says Harris, "a Danish beginner and I were the only two on the track training. He burst a tyre and I had just to be on the spot for him to land." Harris dislocated a shoulder. The lay-off is likely to cost Harris, the

shrewdest as well as fastest rider in the world, about £2,000.

THIRD TEST

Cliff Morgan, brilliant Welsh Rugby stand-off who led the British Isles touring team to victory in their recent Third Test against South Africa, has had offers of employment in Cape Town and Durban. He has not yet decided whether to accept either. Morgan, 24, plays for Cardiff and Wales and has been capped 10 times for his country.

He moved to Dublin to take up business appointment and plays now for Irish club, Bective Rangers. Morgan is to marry an Irish girl when he returns to Britain. She says she doesn't mind going out to South Africa.

Peter May, England's skipper in their successful cricket series against South Africa this summer thinks that England cricket teams should take a trainer with them on overseas tours.

In Australia last year England took a masseur, Harold Dalton. May thinks that, with a trainer to keep the team fit, pulled muscles would be few and a masseur not needed.

Mary has been tremendously impressed by the fitness of the South Africans this summer. They have not had a trainer. But in Ken Viljoen they had a young fit manager who carried out the job in conjunction with a strict manager.

GOLF CHAMPION

Ronnie White, former English amateur Golf Champion, has retired from the top class game. "Getting down in two shots from just off the green is now no longer a matter of life and death" is one reason he gives for his action. The other is pressure of business. Thirty-four years old, White won the English title in 1949 and was runner-up in 1953. He played in five Walker Cup matches.

K. S. Duleepshahji, the stylish Indian batsman who played for England 20 years ago, is returning to cricket as a coach. He is to supervise a training camp in India for cricket instructors. "Duleep" scored 49 centuries playing for Cambridge University, Sussex and England. In 1930 he scored 173 at Lord's in his first appearance against Australia. This completed a unique family double. Thirty-four years previously his uncle, the immortal Ranjitsinhji, hit an undefeated 164 on his debut

CURTAINS FOR COCKELL



Curtains for Cockell—a scything forehead cutting blow from Valdes has sent him down, his face streaming with blood, in the heavyweight fight at the White City.—Express Photo.

PIER ANGELI'S OWN STORY

The Beauty And The Baby

Pier Angeli, the film star with a fragile porcelain-like beauty, here tells the full story of a personal drama which has had all Hollywood—from the policeman on the beat to the film stars—on tenter-hooks for six months.

It is the story of the birth of her baby boy Perry, not yet a month old.

WONDERFUL MOMENT

Pier, only 23, fractured her pelvis when an aircraft in which she was a passenger hit an air pocket. She was flung about violently. Many feared she would lose her baby. But her bravery and a Caesarean operation gave the story a happy ending.

WHAT AGONY

"If you only knew what agony I went through for two months when I was in hospital after the plane accident," said Pier.

"The doctor said I would lose the baby, but my husband, Vic Damone, always assured me that I would be OK."

"All the same, I was terribly nervous.

"The doctor told me the important thing was to stay quietly in bed. He visited me every day—and I prayed as I have never prayed before.

"And I cried every day, until mother and Vic said they were also praying as hard as me, and if I had sufficient faith all would be well."

"After that somehow I knew God would take care of my baby. I am very grateful to Him and feel as Vic said only yesterday—God has been very good to us."

Singer Vic Damone took his wife to hospital at three o'clock in the morning and waited anxiously there.

The baby boy was born 12 hours and 10 minutes later.

"I had a bad time when the baby was born after a Caesarean," Pier said. "I was

"Although I love the new house, some day I hope to realize my ambition, which is to own a farm. I love animals."

Pier has no picture plans at the moment, but she says that "Vic is terribly busy rehearsing a night-club appearance at Reno, Nevada, on September 8. The show goes on later to Las Vegas. He dances in it with six girls."

Motherhood is more exciting for Pier than for most girls, because she was very sheltered before marriage.

"I was not allowed to go out with a boy until I was 21 unless mother went with me. I wore no make-up off the screen."

"One escort said dating me was a 'package deal.' Even now when I do love someone I feel sick, but I would love to do a picture with Vic. I may not be shy then."

"My twin sister, Marsha Pavon, is excited at being an aunt. We call ourselves un-identical twins because we are so different."

A SILVER BLUE MINK

"I am looking forward to buying clothes when my figure is normal."

"I love shopping and I want a silver blue mink more than anything else. I am glad it is still summer; as I can wear full skirts bowered with several petticoats, which I adore."

"An embarrassing moment occurred once when four petticoats slipped from my waist and dropped to the pavement on Sunset Boulevard."

"Instead of stepping out of the petticoats I sat on them in the middle of the pavement, waited until people had disappeared, and then ran behind a gas station and tied them on tight."

ENJOYS COOKING

"We have no plans for his future profession, but if he wants to be an actor it is OK by us."

"I am longing to have the baby home. Mother is as excited and will help me with him."

"I don't know much about babies but I enjoy cooking sometimes. Vic is an excellent cook."

NO DATES

"But after these latest rumours about Kathy Grant, the 20-year-old he met as a starlet, he has decided 'the best plan of living is to have no plan at all—to stop making dates and deadlines.'

The water polo team is much stronger than last year and are determined to bring back the title.

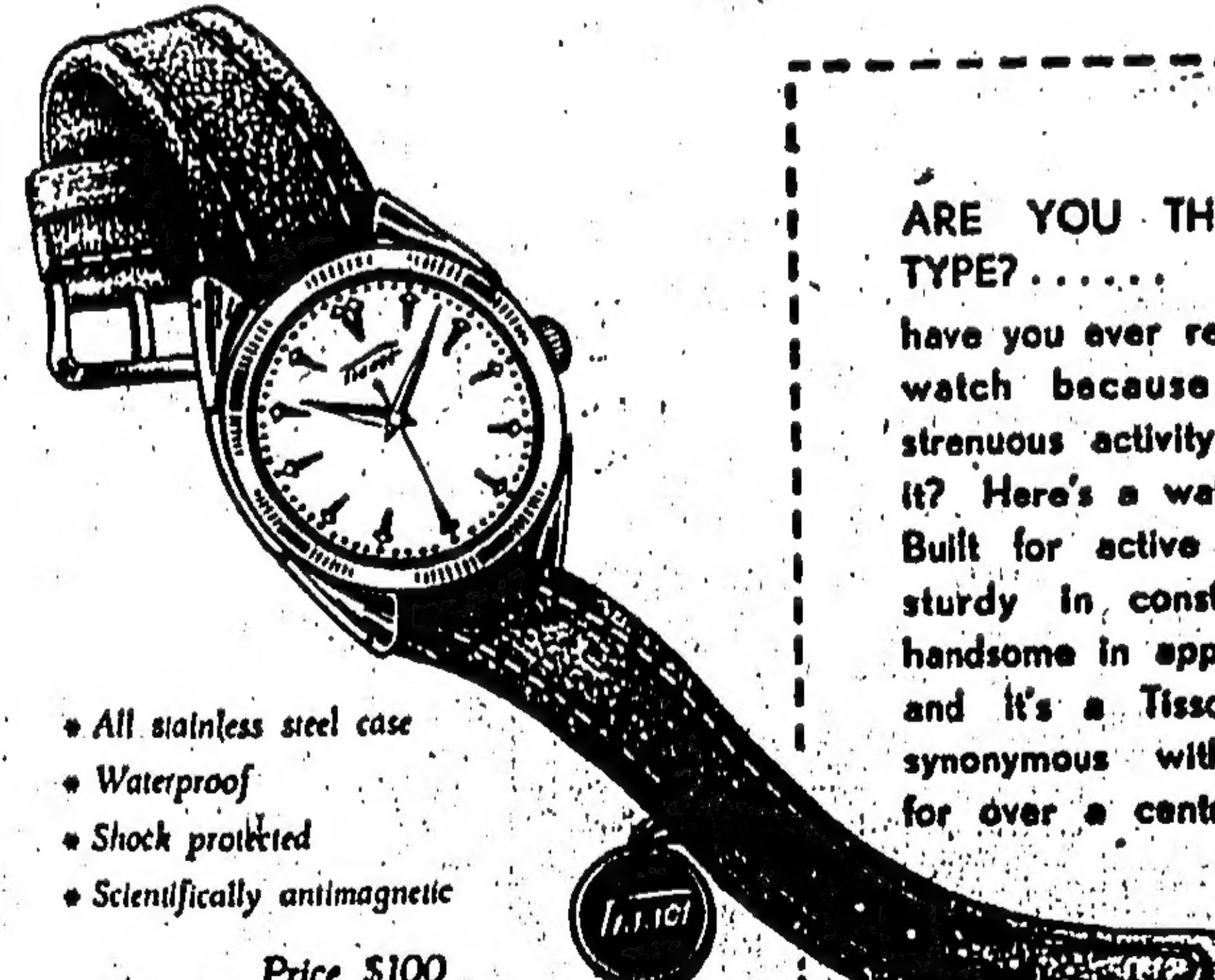
Singapore is very proud of its water polo team, but advance information from one of Hong Kong's "spies" state that they are in for the biggest shock of their lives.

Then there was Margo James, attractive brunette, who was Everett Crosby's secretary.

She was offered a travelling job with a theatrical agency—and Bing, in his own words,

"made a dinner date with her to advise her about London and Paris."

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Sports Diary

TODAY

Soccer

1st Division: Kowloon Wah v South China (CHI); St. Joseph's v Police (BS) at 4.40 p.m.

2nd Division: RAF v South China (CHI); Kowloon v Police (CHI); Wing Foo (Navy). All matches at 6 p.m.

Tennis

LNC Tennis: Club mixed Doubles;

Club Ladies' Doubles; Club Men's Handicap and Inter-Hong Handicap.

TOMORROW

Swimming

1st Division: Army v CAA (Sky);

RAF v KIAA (CHI). Both matches at 4.40 p.m.

2nd Division: St. Joseph's v Police (Navy) at 4.40 p.m.

Handball

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

BIG NEW YORK MARKET CRASH

\$11,000,000,000 Loss
Follows News Of
Eisenhower's Illness

New York, Sept. 26.

Stocks had their second sharpest break in market history today—an \$11,000,000,000 loss on the heaviest trading in 22 years.

President Eisenhower's sudden illness, and the many uncertainties it gave rise to, hit the market in all sections.

Declines of 5 and 10 points were common and there were losses of almost 16 points in Du Pont, 14 in Bethlehem Steel and of 33 points in higher-priced U.S. Gypsum.

There were signs of strength at intervals when the market rallied briefly on increased turnover.

The industrial issues fell back to the Aug. 22 level and rails to the Aug. 10 level.

Industrial stocks were off 31.89 on average, their heaviest loss since the big break of October 28, 1929, when the average cracked 38.33 points.

Worst Decline

Rails slumped 11.15 points in their worst decline on record.

Of 2,397 issues traded today, 1,242 managed to close higher while 1,155 were lower. The market was the broadest since June 7.

Turnover of 7,720,000 shares was the most for any sessions since July 21, 1933 and dwarfed Friday's 3,549,000-share total.

Wall Street brokers said the decline was largely an emotional one—based on the belief that President Eisenhower would not run again and the Republicans would have to seek another candidate. Many felt the market would meet support after a setback of 5 to 10 per cent and one expressed the opinion that "those that sell will live to regret their impulsiveness."

On the other hand, Mr. Roger Boddon, an economist who predicted the 1929 stock market

Fantastic Losses.

Steels were among the hardest hit issues. U.S. Steel closed off 5%. Bethlehem 14, National 7%, Armc 4%, Inland 7%.

Youngstown Sheet 11.

General Motors lost 8%.

Chrysler 8%.

Du Pont slumped 15%.

Allied Chemical 8%.

Carbide 8%.

Jersey Standard Oil lost 8%.

Gulf 7%. Lion 6%. Socony 5%.

California 4%.

Reynold Metals shumped 22%.

Anaconda 8%. Kennecott 12%.

Douglas Aircraft lost 4%.

United News 4%. Bond 5%.

Boeing 8% among others.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$12,430,000.

American Stock Exchange bond volume was 1,850,000 shares.

Dow Jones closing averages were:

20 industrials 455.50

20 rails 153.13

18 utilities 63.93

15 transports 101.75

40 bonds 88.35

Comin. future price index 154.82

United Press.

WORLD RUBBER PRICES

SINGAPORE, Sept. 26.

The market eased on lack of support and liquidation.

Future contracts were:

No. 1 rubber per lb.

October 1454-1457

November 1453-1457

No. 2 rubber per lb. Oct. 1409-1409

Nov. 1408-1408

4 No. 4 rubber per lb. Oct. 1324-1327

Spot rubber unbalanced 1454-1457

Blanket crepe 1454-1457

No. 1 pale crepe 1674-1678

United Press.

New York, Sept. 26. Cotton futures today closed 175 to 210 points lower with sales of 300 contracts.

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LONDON MARKET

London, Sept. 26.

The rubber market was uncertain with spot quoted at 42½ pence.

Prices: No. 1 Ras spot 42-43½

Commercial credit 42-43½

Commonwealth 41½-42½

Ceylon 40-41½

Continental 40-41½

Continental Sicil 40-41½

Crane Co. 40-41½

Cochense Corp. 40-41½

Chaco Maran. Bank 40-41½

Colgate-Palmolive Co. 40-41½

Commercial Credit 40-41½

Commonwealth 40-41½

Continental 40-41½

Continental Sicil 40-41½

Crane Co. 40-41½

Cuban Amer. Sugar 40-41½

Currie Wright 40-41½

Diamond Alkali 40-41½

Dupont de Nemours 40-41½

Eastern Tin 40-41½

El Paso National Gas 40-41½

Fidelity Finance Corp. 40-41½

General Electric 40-41½

General Foods 40-41½

Gates & Crellin 40-41½

Gillette Safety Razor 40-41½

Glidden Co. (U.S.A.) Co. 40-41½

Goodrich (U.S.A.) Co. 40-41½

Heyden Chemical 40-41½

Hokkaido Minami Co. 40-41½

Imperial-Tandem 40-41½

International Corp. 40-41½

Kodak 40-41½

Lever Brothers 40-41½

Lever Bros. & Sons 40-41½

Louisville & Nashville R. 40-41½

Monsanto Chemical Co. 40-41½

Montgomery Ward 40-41½

National Can 40-41½

National Dairy Prod. 40-41½

National Lead 40-41½

National Steel Corp. 40-41½

New York Central 40-41½

Oilite 40-41½

Pabco 40-41½

Pacific Western 40-41½

Pan American Airways 40-41½

Paramount Pictures 40-41½

Parnassus Dev. Co. 40-41½

Penn Salt Co. 40-41½

Philip Morris 40-41½

United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Sept. 26.

Wheat No. 4 sugar futures closed unchanged, with sales of 2 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed 2 to 3 points higher with sales of 102 contracts.

Both markets ruled quiet with trade interests on both sides in routine operations.

Futures:

Contract No. 6 (wheat)

Oct. 42.25

Mar. 44.38

July 43.28

Sept. 40.50

Dec. 39.50

United Press.

LIVERPOOL PRICES

Liverpool, Sept. 26.

Cotton future closing, American middling, in pence per lb.

were as follows:

30.48

30.77

31.25

31.72

32.34

32.82

33.18

33.19

33.41

33.78

34.06

34.44

34.72

35.00

35.38

35.76

36.14

36.52

36.89

37.27

37.65

38.03

38.41

38.79

39.17

39.45

39.83

40.21

40.59

40.97

41.35

41.73

**JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK**

A Family Affair

GEORGE looks a little like those characters whom old-time music hall artists were made up to resemble when they sang such songs as, "My Old Dutch." The Londoner behind whose craggy, rough exterior lay many virtues, headed by a warm heart, kindness and indefatigable marital fidelity. He is a burly man, bald-headed, of middle-age plus, and with a brightly hopeful eye. A cloth-cap and white-silk-choker man, with the steady nerve of a scafolder requires.

Dizzy heights trouble George not at all, but lately his nerves have worn thin with worries about marriage—his own marriage.

OUT OF SIGHT

WEEK by week the weight of George's worries has increased. For when his wife obtained a separation from him on the grounds of cruelty, George was ordered to pay into court regular contributions towards her upkeep and that of the three children of the marriage. And George has been, to put it mildly, a little casual in his attitude to the order.

A warrant was issued for his arrest. But when the police sought him, George could not be found. He kept out of sight, but as the months went by, and the size of his debt increased, the burden to his conscience became intolerable.

I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH He mustered his courage and one night walked into a police-station. "It's about some maintenance arrears," George said, and gave them his name. "I don't know how much I owe."

The police were able to name the sum immediately — £270 0s. 6d.

At Clerkenwell Court he admitted the fact. "Why haven't you paid?" asked the magistrate. Mr Seymour Collins.

"I hoped I might get back to my wife," George said.

"Have you ever asked her to take you back?"

"Once—some time last year," George said.

IT'LL TAKE YEARS... "HOW much were you in arrears then?"

"About £100, I suppose," George answered sadly.

"Well, why don't you show a genuine desire to go back by supporting your wife and children? Have you any excuse?"

"No, I've no excuses," George said.

Is there any reason why I shouldn't commit you to prison?"

"Well, I'd like a chance to go back to the wife," George said.

"It'll take years to win her confidence after this sort of behaviour," said the magistrate.

"Where have you been living?"

"I'd rather not say."

"Write down the address."

"I'd rather not."

THERE'S JUST ONE THING HAVE you been hiding, then?" the magistrate suggested.

George bristled. "I give myself up, didn't I?" he said.

"Then why haven't you been paying?"

"No excuses," George said.

"It's just one of those things."

"And your whole family's been supported on public funds all this time," observed the magistrate. "You must go to prison for three months."

George sighed and prepared to withdraw, then turned back and said: "Excuse me, there's just one thing. When I come out, do I still have to pay this £270?"

"No, but you'll have to pay each week from then," said the magistrate. "You won't be given much rope, you know."

George drew a wistful sigh. His family for the next few weeks would continue to be a charge on the public's and not his purse. There was in George's sigh a good deal of contentment.

Prince Accepts Premiership

Phnom Penh, Sept. 26. Prince Norodom Sihanouk today accepted the request of his father, King Norodom Sihanouk, that he should become the new Premier of Cambodia.

The Prince formally accepted but for three months only—*London Press Service*.

Lord Alanbrooke Nearly Electrocuted

London, Sept. 26. Field Marshal Lord Alanbrooke, who came unscathed through four years of trench warfare in France in World War I, revealed today that he almost killed himself with an electric hedge trimmer.

Lord Alanbrooke, 74-year-old former Chief of Imperial General Staff, said he tried to wipe a speck of mud from the electric trimmer last week before switching it off.

"The shock curied me up into a ball," he said. "I just managed to break the connection before I lost consciousness. I knew that while I was holding the cable I was killing myself."—United Press.

Britain's Shortage Of H-Bomb Scientists

From Chapman Pincher
London, Sept. 26.

Production of Britain's hydrogen bomb is being held up by a shortage of scientists.

To end the hold-up, Sir William Penney, atomic weapons research chief, is now trying to borrow scientists from the civil service whose chiefs have agreed that any mathematical physicists or chemical engineers in the Admiralty, Supply Ministry or Department of Scientific and Industrial Research can switch to the Penney team for two years.

The difficulty was merely that of the Finns and the Russians getting sufficiently high-ranking officers to the border, although his papers were in order, he said.—United Press.

A document is to be sent round offering houses to scientists willing to work at the atomic weapons station at Aldermaston, Berkshire.

It will also point out that any promotion gained while working for Penney will be kept when the men return to the civil service.

Men will be encouraged to switch from chemical warfare and germ warfare defence—less important since the emergence of the H-bomb.

Some of the scientists are needed for work at Foulness Island, Essex, where high explosive detonating devices for atomic weapons are tested.—*London Express Service*.

HE DIDN'T WANT THE JOB

From HUGH POND

London, Sept. 26. Field-Marshal Sir John Harding, the new military Governor of Cyprus didn't want the job. He had been looking forward to retirement and wanted to be a farmer.

But he was offered the governorship in such a way that he could not refuse except on purely selfish, personal grounds. But Field-Marshal Harding isn't a selfish man.

Seldom has a Chief of Imperial General Staff endeared himself so much to the Army for his honesty and dislike of the daylight.

His new job obviously came as a bolt out of the blue.

The campaign in Cyprus, however, is to be fought on similar lines to those in Malaya and Kenya.

Field-Marshal Harding's first job is to set up an integrated operations headquarters. The Army, Police and civil servants will work together as one team.

Two main tasks in Cyprus are to restore order and work steadily for a political settlement with the Greeks and Turks. But firstly, Field-Marshal Harding doesn't intend to let delay and inaction prevent stamping out of terrorism in the island.

On the political side he says he is going with an open mind and doesn't want to sit in judgment before he gets to Cyprus—probably this weekend.—*London Press Service*.

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The First Of His Kind

Moscow, Sept. 26. A Chicago dentist arrived in Moscow by car today from the Finnish border.

He was the first tourist of any nationality to enter the Soviet Union by car and drive to Moscow since World War II, and possibly since the 1917 revolution.

The dentist, Dr Brethold Schulz, was surprised at the consternation among American officials when he arrived at the Moscow Embassy. He explained that he had just spent three days driving from the Finnish border through Leningrad.

The 42-year-old bachelor said he spent two nights sleeping in his car by the roadside and the remainder of last night in the car in a public square in Moscow.

AT BARGAIN RATE

Then he got himself settled comfortably at Moscow's leading hotel, the National, at the bargain third-class tourist rate of \$10 a day in American money, including meals.

He was surprised at the interest of reporters, explaining "I'm just an ordinary tourist."

Dr Schulz, who said he already had travelled through most of the world by car, reported no trouble entering the Soviet Union although it was a lengthy process at the border. It took 12 hours before the Finns were willing to let him leave Finland and the Russians permitted him to enter.

The difficulty was merely that of the Finns and the Russians getting sufficiently high-ranking officers to the border, although his papers were in order, he said.—United Press.

Slim Chance

Chicago, Sept. 26. Mrs Lillian Korzen of Chicago has until midnight tonight to lose 18 pounds in weight. Otherwise she will lose her husband.

Korzen filed a divorce suit last May on "mental cruelty" grounds. He agreed to withdraw the suit if his wife succeeded in reducing from heavyweight—100 pounds—to featherweight—127 pounds—by September 27.

Mr Korzen, who is 44, was this morning down to 146 pounds. His doctor has forbidden her to continue her fast. Her husband remained adamant: "No reconciliation above 127 pounds,"—*France Presse*.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6 p.m. Times Signal and Program Summary; 6.30 Concerto by Pots Police Band—Bordemaster; Chief Inspector P.B. Walsh; 6.30 "First Hearing"; 7.30 "The Last Judgment"; 8.30 "Cantata" (London Studio); 9.30 "Seven and the Tops" (Kinsky Quartet (BBCTS); 7.30 La Demi-Hour Francesca (Presentation de M. Casta et M. Verdiere); 7.45 "Chanson de la mar, chansons d'amour" (Studio); 7.50 Weather Report; 8. Time Signals; 8.30 "News" (London Studio); 9.30 Special Announcements; 10.30 British and Singers—Huddersfield Glee and Madrigal Society (BBCTS); 10.30 "Glorious" (London Studio); 10.30 Musical Notebook (Studio); 11.30 "The Story of Charles Cochran—Memories of a Great Sailor" (London Studio); 12.30 "Eric Metzger, BBC Concert Orch. cond. by Charles Mackerras, Part 2 (BBCTS); 10.30 "British Bands" (BBCTS); 11.30 "L'Orchestre de la Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire de Paris" cond. by Georges Dreyfus; 12.30 "Radio News Page" (London Today); 11.30 Goodnight Music; 12.30 "Save the Queen"; 12.30 "Close Down".

REDIFFUSION

4 p.m. Tea Time Rendezvous; 4.30 "Young People's Songs"; 5. Children's Corner—Conducted by Auntie Val; 5.00 "Progressive Jazz"; 6. "First Hearing"; 7.30 "Cantata" (London Studio); 8.30 "Seven and the Tops" (Kinsky Quartet (BBCTS); 7.30 "La Demi-Hour Francesca"; 8.30 "Record Parade"; 9.30 "British Bands" (BBCTS); 10.30 "Eric Metzger, BBC Concert Orch. cond. by Charles Mackerras, Part 2 (BBCTS); 10.30 "British Bands" (BBCTS); 11.30 "L'Orchestre de la Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire de Paris" cond. by Georges Dreyfus; 12.30 "Radio News Page" (London Today); 11.30 Goodnight Music; 12.30 "Save the Queen"; 12.30 "Close Down".

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Do you have a book about using the atom for home cooking?"

Alleged Murder On The High Seas

The story of an alleged murder at sea where the body was never found was told at the Criminal Sessions this morning at the trial of a Chinese quartermaster before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg and a Jury of six men and a woman.

The accused, 49-year-old Hsing Ching-hwa, of the ss Foochow, pleaded not guilty to the murder of a fellow quartermaster, Hsing Lay-chay, on or about June 20 on board the ship.

He is being defended by Mr Patrick Yu (Instructed by Mr D. E. d'Almada Remedios).

Crown Counsel, Mr J. W. D. Hobley, assisted by Insp. Inge-Buckingham is prosecuting.

Mr Hobley told the Jury that the alleged murder took place on the British ship, Foochow, which was then on the high seas. The accused was one of four Quartermasters on board. They worked in pairs, taking alternate watches, two on duty and two off duty. The accused and the deceased shared the same watch. When any one pair was on duty they took turns to be at the wheel and to patrol the ship to see everything was in order every two hours.

Mr Hobley said that the part of the ship with which the case was principally concerned was the starboard side of the promenade deck, which was the second deck of the ship. There was a passage on this deck leading to the first class officers' gallery and it was around this part of the ship that matters took place.

"At 11.45 p.m. on June 20 one of the four Quartermasters who was on watch went to the cabin of the accused, roughed him up into all four of them to wake up the accused and the deceased who were to go on duty at midnight," said Mr Hobley.

At this time, the ship was

on a voyage between Menado,

Celebes Island, and Hongkong

and was about 180 miles from

the nearest land, he added.

Mr Hobley said that after

waking the two men, the

quartermaster waited at the

door of the gallery.

"The first of the two to come

out was the deceased. He came

out of the gallery carrying a

tea pot and went towards the

bridge. When the quartermaster

saw the deceased come on duty

he set off towards his cabin

and on the way met the accused

going on duty in the

direction of the gallery," Crown

Counsel said.

NOT SEEN AGAIN

He continued: "The other Quartermaster who was at the wheel saw the deceased who went on to the bridge at seven minutes past midnight carrying the tea pot for the Second and Third Officers who were then on duty.

Straight away as soon as he had carried the tea up there the deceased left the bridge and that was the last the deceased was seen alive."

"Mr Hobley said that the Quartermaster who was then at the wheel was relieved by the accused at four minutes past midnight. On ship this was considered to be late and that Quartermaster would say that from his previous experience the accused had never been late before, but had always relieved two minutes before the time he was due to go on duty.

"At 2 a.m. that day the accused, who had been at the wheel since midnight, should have been relieved by the deceased who should have been patrolling the ship for the last two hours," continued Mr. Hobley. "The accused did not turn up. The accused spoke to the Second Officer and pointed out that the deceased had not relieved him.

The Second Officer took the wheel and sent the accused off to look for the deceased. Twenty minutes later he returned, having found no trace of the deceased.

"The Captain was called and the ship's course was reversed and a search made."

CAPT'S DISCOVERY